REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Amendments have been made to the specification to address typographical errors.

Claims 1-35 were originally presented.

Claims 1, 5, 8, 24, 29, 32, and 34 are currently amended.

Claims 16-17 and 27 are canceled without prejudice.

No claims are added.

Claims 1-15, 18-26, and 28-35 remain in this application.

Examiner Interview

Telephonic interviews were conducted between Examiner Ellen Tran and Emmanuel Rivera on January 31, 2006 and February 6, 2006. Discussed were the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections of the Action. Amendments are made to the claims to particularly address these rejections. For example, claim 1 has been amended to recite that a credential manager performs the method recited; that a request is obtained from the high-level credential to be provided by the legacy application. Claim 8 recites that a process requests for such credentials.

In light of the amendments to the claims, Examiner Tran was asked to reconsider the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections presented in the Action, since the cited references do not teach the claims as amended.

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CONCLUSION

All pending claims 1-15, 18-26, and 28-35 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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